

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method, performed by a computer system, for decision support comprising:
 - 2 compiling a plurality of attributes for each respective donor of a plurality of donors;
 - 3 compiling a plurality of attributes of donatable goods respectively for each of the donors;
 - 4 compiling a plurality of attributes for each requester of a plurality of requesters;
 - 5 compiling a plurality of attributes of requests for donatable goods respectively for each of
 - 6 the requesters;
 - 7 associating a particular donor with a particular requester in accordance with an attribute of a
 - 8 donatable good of the particular donor, and an attribute of a request of the particular requester;
 - 9 estimating a tax consequence to the particular donor from donating by the particular donor
 - 10 the donatable good; and
 - 11 providing indicia of the tax consequence in support of a decision whether to donate.
- 1 2. A method, performed by a computer system, for decision support comprising:
 - 2 estimating a first tax consequence from selling goods;
 - 3 estimating a second tax consequence from donating the goods; and
 - 4 providing indicia in accordance with the first tax consequence and the second tax
 - 5 consequence in support of a decision whether to donate the goods.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
 - 2 associating the goods with a respective planned date for disposition of the goods; and
 - 3 providing the indicia in advance of the planned date.
- 1 4. A computer automated inventory management system comprising a method for dispositioning
 - 2 aged goods of the inventory, the method comprising providing information to a tax planning
 - 3 system for estimating a tax consequence of dispositioning the goods, the information being
 - 4 provided at a time in advance of the goods attaining a limit age.
- 1 5. A method, performed by a computer system, for decision support comprising:

2 receiving from an inventory management system information for estimating a tax
3 consequence of dispositioning aged goods of the inventory, the information being received at a
4 time in advance of the goods attaining a limit age;
5 estimating a first tax consequence from selling goods;
6 estimating a second tax consequence from donating the goods; and
7 providing indicia in accordance with the first tax consequence and the second tax
8 consequence in support of a decision whether to donate the goods.

1 6. The method of claim 5 further comprising:

2 receiving information from an accounting system for estimating a tax liability in accordance
3 with the second tax consequence.